

F-7-103
Fountain Mills Store
Kemptown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1883

The Fountain Mills Store is a two-story frame commercial-residential building erected about 1883 by Samuel B. Davis (1846-1902), who also operated nearby saw and grist mills in the late 19th century. The building is currently used solely as a convenience store and has been considerably altered on its principal elevation, the west gable end. The probable original projecting display windows have been replaced with flush plate glass windows and the door is also a modern replacement. A gable roofed projecting canopy extends over the entrance. The second story windows are 2/2 and the exterior has been covered with vinyl siding. At the east and south elevations are a series of extensions and additions made at various periods in the 20th century. In spite of these changes, the general outline and distinctive gable facade of the 19th century rural general store are still clearly apparent. Similar stores once were in business in most rural communities; two examples, now vacant and deteriorating, are in the Park Mills Survey District (F-7-26). The Fountain Mills Store is one of the few to remain in continuous commercial use to the present.

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Green Valley Store

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economics (Commercial)

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Commerce/trade/department store/general store

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes x no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fountain Mills Store

and/or common Green Valley Store

2. Location

street & number 3737 Lawson Road

 not for publication

city, town Kemptown

 x vicinity of

congressional district 6th

state Maryland

county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> x occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> x building(s)	<u> </u> x private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> x commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Petros and Ara Petrossian

street & number 3737 Lawson Road

telephone no.:

city, town Ijamsville

state and zip code Md. 21754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

liber 1436

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street

folio 896

city, town Frederick

state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. F-7-103

Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Fountain Mills Store (now Green Valley Grocery) is a two-story frame commercial-residential building erected in about 1883 on the northeast corner of Lawson Road and Green Valley Road (Md. 75) near Kemptown, Frederick County, Maryland. The building is currently covered with vinyl siding and has a gable facade with a modern canopy roof over the entrance and a gas pump island between the building and the east side of Green Valley Road. The building has several shed-roofed additions on the east side made during the early and mid 20th century. The date of the structure is based on land records, general architectural features, and a biographical sketch of Samuel Davis in the 1920 History of Frederick County.

The principal facade of the rectangular building is the west gable end which has a three-bay first story and a single center 2/2 window bay on the second story. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding, probably concealing the original german siding, the most common siding material for frame buildings in the late 19th century. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The center entrance to the store is a replacement modern metal door. Two large plate glass display windows flank the door. Seams in the siding below the windows suggest that the original display windows projected from the wall plane with a paneled base below the window, which was probably divided in four large lights with two narrow lights on the side of the projecting window bay. An intact late 19th century window of this type found on the Simmons Store and Residence (F-7-74) on Thurston Road. On the Fountain Mills Store, a gable-roofed canopy extends over the doorway and windows with a poured concrete pavement below it. This canopy was probably added in the mid-20th century to replace an earlier shed-roofed shelter above a wood porch deck. On the north elevation of the store building, the bay arrangement is irregular, and several openings near the rear of the original rectangular structure are boarded. A modern wood exterior staircase rises to a doorway on the second story. The windows on the second story are 2/2. The south elevation of the building is adjoined by a two-story addition near the southeast corner and a one-story extension of the store room on the first story is at the southwest corner. The east gable end of the buildings is almost completely obscured by a series of at least four extensions and enclosures expanding the storage area of the store. Each period of work is marked by varying modern siding and different roof coverings, including composition and metal. The principal interior room of the store is a single sales space in which the principal surviving element of the 19th century store are the shallow open shelves along the outer walls. Two ranks of iron ceiling support posts run down the center of the room. Wall, ceiling and floor finishes are modern replacements, and the extension of the store space on the south involved the removal of part of the original south wall.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-7-103

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1883

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Fountain Mills Store is moderately significant as an example of a late 19th century rural commercial structure, built about 1883 by Samuel B. Davis (1846-1902), who also operated the saw and grist mills which operated nearby on Fahrney Branch through most of the 19th century and into the early 20th century. The store has been considerably altered on its facade and rear elevations and the german siding of the exterior is covered with vinyl. However, the distinctive gable facade and original functional rectangular form are still discernible. These qualities are also found the vacant general store buildings of Park Mills Survey District (F-7-26) and the former store near the railroad tracks in the Buckeystown Station Survey District (F-1-181) in the Amstown Planning Region. The Fountain Mills Store was operated by Zachariah C. Magruder from about 1909 to 1930 and by C. Russell Lawson from 1930 to 1964. It is one of the few 19th century rural stores in Frederick County to remain in continuous commercial use to the present.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-7-103

Land Records of Frederick County

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 839, 1461.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.04 acresQuadrangle name Urbana, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 97, Parcel 70

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date January 1994street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by
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Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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CROW

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1436/896 31 Jul 87	Petros & Ara Petrosian	Leonard V. & Joy L. Hunt	plat included w/deed O. 834A. 810/316, 2 Sept 69	# 87,500
810/316 2 Sept				
1189/434 24 Jan 83	Leonard V. & Joy L. Hunt	Mayie E. Lamson	plat included O. 834A.	
810/316 4 Sept 64	Clyde L. & Mayie E. Lamson	C. Russell & C. Ruth Lamson	2 contiguous pieces of land containing in the aggregate 1 acre 1) 284/31, 14 Apr 08 2) 290/206, 22 Oct 09	
374/9 4 Mar 30	C. Russell Lamson	Zachariah C. & Mary L. Magruder		
2) 290/206 22 Oct 09	Zachariah C. Magruder	Rebecca M. Davis et al.	"The reserved outlet across this land to the County Road hereinbefore men- tioned, has for its northern boundary a straight line drawn from a white oak tree, standing near the second line of the conveyance, to a point in the road running from Monrovia to Hyattstown, far enough from the south fill of bridge to allow a loaded four horse wagon room to handily pull up on bridge and that ...	# 30
1) 284/31 14 Apr 08	Zachariah C. Magruder	Charles C. Waters et al, trustees of Augustus H. Ebert, bankrupt	"... parcel improved with a frame store building, the same situated in Fountain Mills ... part of "Resurvey on Solomon's Flower" 750 sq. yds.	# 400
1) DHH 13/173 29 Mar 01	Augustus H. Ebert	Samuel B. & Rebecca M. Davis	Parcel improved by a frame store building 20 ft. X 54 ft.	# 1000

377 Lamson Rd. p. 2

Lot Size, Description,
Original Tracts,
Miscellaneous

Cost

[illegible]

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5 - 100

Foots. 11th St.

Fischer Cr. Crust.

Photo. T. 1st Cr.

Crust. Cr. 1st.

Mag. loc. 1st Cr. 1st Cr. 1st Cr. 1st Cr.

North elevation.

5'.



